(*d*) The seniority list of Block Development Officers has been finalised. Extension staff are drawn on deputation from other Departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Public Works Department, Co-operation, Public Instruction etc. Hence, their seniority lists are maintained by the respective Departments. Certain other staff like Social Education Organisers, Mukhyasevikas, Gramasevikas and Panchayat Extension Officers have been absorbed in other Departments like Public Instruction, Women and Children Welfare and Revenue. Except in the 3 Districts of Gulbarga, Bidar and Raichur, in all the other 16 districts for the ministerial staff, there are no separate staff of Development Department as they are brought within the units of the Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Commissioners of the respective Districts/Divisions. In the 3 districts of Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur, the staff was retained as separate and independent cadres of Development Department. They too have been ordered to be absorbed in the correspondence cadres of Revenue Department.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The officials in the cadre of Block Managers/Accountants were not getting promotions since there was no provision in the Recruitment Rules. The officials in the cadres of 1st Division Clerks and II Division Clerks were being promoted within the limited scope available to them. Now that they have been absorbed in Revenue Department it is hoped that chances of their promotion would improve.

(*g*) This aspect is under consideration of the Government

Conservation and use of water in Gulbarga District

258 SRI GOVINDA P. VADEYARAJ (Kamalapur)—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the steps the Government propose to take for conservation of rain water in Gulbarga district to contain the re-accuring of drought condition in the area ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in number of places the rain water can be stored and made use of ;

(*c*) whether the Government contemplates of setting up a special committee for investigating and undertaking scheme for conserving arin water at the earliest ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)—

(*a*) For the purpose of investigation and preparation of Minor Irrigation projects to conserve and use of rain water in the districts of Bidar, Gulbarga, Bellary and Raichur, a separate Minor Irrigation Investigation Division has been working at Raichur.

(b) Preliminary studies have been made of all the valleys and sub-valleys in Gulbarga district to prepare Minor Irrigation Project reports for the conservation and use of water. Detailed investigation are in progress.

(c) There is no necessity for a special committee.

(Message from the Governor)

MR. SPEAKER.—I have received a message from the Governor which is as follows :—

In pursuance of clauses (1) and (3) of article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Govind Narain, Governor of Karnataka, do hereby recommene that the Mysore Electrical Industries Limited (Acquisition of Shares) Bill, 1979, be introduced in and considered by the Karnataka Ligislative Assembly.

Mysore Electrical Industrices Ltd. (Acquisition of Shares) Bill 1979

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs) :—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Industries and Commerce, I move :

"That leave be granted to introduce the Mysore Electrical Industries Limited (Acquisition of Shares) Bill, 1979."

MR. SPEAKER —The question is —:

"That leave be granted to introduce the Mysore Electrical Industries Limited (Acquisition of Shares) Bill, 1979."

The motion was adopted and leave was granted.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—On behalf of the Minister for Industries and Commerce, I beg to introduce the Mysore Electrical Industries Limited (Acquisition of Shares) Bill, 1979.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Mysore Electrical Industries Limited (Acquisition of Shares) Bill, 1979 is introduced. **

**Bill appended as Annexure to this volume.